

Moral Department.

The following is a reply to an invitation attend the 1st of August celebration at angor.

LETTER FROM IION. WM. JAY.
BEDFORD, Westchester Co.,
July 15, 1843.

GENTLEMEN:—Your very acceptable letter of the 8th inst. did not reach me last evening, so have had time to return it, and the citizens of Bangor and neighboring towns, have determined to commemorate West-India Emancipation, on the 1st of August, the Anniversary of that great and glorious act.

With the history, the progress and results of West India Emancipation, I have made myself familiar; and so well known are these, that no one need be told of them. The wonderful progress, the banishment of the policy of our politicians, and their proslavery press to keep the American people, as far as possible ignorant of the stupendous results of this great act of Justice, humanity, and Christian benevolence; while the most gross and detestable falsehoods respecting it, have been freely circulated.

West India Emancipation is a triumphant vindication of the principles of the Christian Christians; and a most blessed demonstration of the safety and expediency of long justice, and loving mercy.

The British Parliament have given to the world the most full, impartial, and minute information of the results of Emancipation; and that information has been published forth from every Christian pulpit, and the pulpit of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the testimony thus afforded of the great truth, that obedience to the will of the wise is the sure path to individual happiness, and political security. The official documents published by Par-

liament, and (they embrace sentiments from the [British] Indies, utterly rebuke the danger of the foolish and wicked cry "the slaves are loose"—the danger of treating men as conditional, immoral and accountable beings—the danger of obeying the precepts of Christ, and treating our fellow men with justice and kindness!

The black population of the British West Indies is about ten times as numerous as that in any part of the world, un-
less possibly in New England, is

now among these liberated slaves. We

have upwards of 250,000 slaveholders; and in the British West Indies there are about 800,

000 emancipated slaves; and beyond all question, the numbers perpetrated by the late

Emancipation, are 100,000 greater than those

existing at the time of the Slave

abolition of the Slaveholders, that the trans-

action of the West Indies is owing to the trans-

action of the British forces stationed on the Islands.

All these forces were unable, in former

admirations, to prevent bloody and disastrous inci-

lusions. Now, the blacks themselves

constitute the chief military force of the

West Indies. Their invasions

of the coast of the white! Education

and religion are rapidly spreading, and

the same little doubt, that even already, in

one of the Islands, a larger proportion of

America's black children are read and write.

The day of the white! Children in certain of our

slave States.

West-India Emancipation is a noble at least, and it would give me great pleasure

to accept it the subject of an address at Bas-

sler, on the 1st prox. But it is out of my

power, I am engaged to leave this

country next week, for a distant part of the state,

and cannot therefore be master of my own time

and place.

You kindly allow to abide to the

great cause of negro Emancipation. This

is a cause in comparison with which all

the questions of party strife sink into ut-
ter insignificance. It is a cause which, if

noted, met the temperature of every

Christian heart.

Our inexpressible joy of our freedom, the mor-

ality and happiness of our common coun-

try, and the extension and influence of

the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am, gentlemen,
Yours, most respectfully,
WILLIAM JAY.

From the Emancipator.

DR. LAFON, MISSIONARY FROM
FRANCE AND THE ISLANDS.

Dr. Lafon sent out to the Sandwich Islands in 1837, as a Missionary, to be sus-

tained by the patronage of the American

Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mis-

sions. While there, he, Mr. Green, and

some others separated from the Board on

account of the connection of that body with

slave-wavers.

The Doctor returned to this

country last spring, and is now laboring as

an agent of the American Mission Society

in the U. S. I have no connection with slavery.

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THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

From the Mercantile Journal.

INTERVIEW WITH THE KING OF

FRANCE.

The memorial of the General Peace

Convention, held in London, addressed to

the different governments of christendom,

specifically requesting them to insert in

their treaties a clause binding the con-

tracting parties to submit their inter-

national disputes to arbitration instead of

appealing to war, was countersigned by

the King of France.

Mr. Green, the Minister

of Foreign Affairs, and through him an

audience solicited with his Majesty, and

the following account of the interview,

which we have received from one of the

men above named, may not be un-

interesting to the public:

"On the 19th of July a royal messenger

arrived at our hotel in Rue Rivoli, bear-

ing an invitation to meet his Majesty the

successing day at half past twelve, at his

Palace at Neuilly, and we accordingly

went. As we entered the gate of the Pal-

LIBERTY STANDARD.

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the Land, unto all the inhabitants thereof." —Leviticus, 23:10.

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Political Department.

REASONS FOR JOINING THE LIBERTY PARTY.

The Liberty party is the only party which our Representatives can rely for support in their conflict with the slave power in Congress.

No man expects that the democratic party will make the world wiser under a note of "protection to the slaveocracy, and must obey their overseers." And you might as well expect that satan would cast out Lucifer, as that the democratic party would do anything to resist the slave power. Hence when Senator Morris dared to reply to Henry Clay's speech in defense of the slave power, he was exposed and despised by the whole country.

I remark again, that ministers of the gospel need such an organization as the Liberty party, to encourage them to speak and act on the slave question according to the dictates of their own hearts. That our churches are sadly polluted with slavery, no man can doubt. Even the Northern churches are in general partisans of this great wickedness, and sharers of it. The whig party have done little better. Euseb last year, when Adams and Giddings failed to grapple with the slave power, neither of them was supported by the whig party. A portion of the whigs stood by those champions of human rights, but others were silent, and some fought against them. Giddings was considered as a dangerous member of the House, while the whigs were decidedly the majority, and might have prevented such a shameful transaction.

This shows, that no representative in Congress can depend on any effectual support from either of the great parties, when he presumes to meddle with slavery. If the rich of the country, they do not, or will not, support the whig party, if not of their own accord.

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Judge Ewing of one of the state courts in Penn., has decided, that a claim of property, in man, is not entitled to any favor in law, and that the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Prigg did not deprive a person seized as a slave, of the benefit of the habeas corpus act, in the State Courts.

According to a recent decision of a court of appeals in Missouri, the laws of that state prohibiting the immigration of free people of color, are violations of the Constitution of the United States, and therefore null and void.

Kennedy has put her veto on another most strenuous effort of the slaveholders to repeal the law forbidding the importation of slaves.

The legislature of Alabama has directed that state, according to the white population alone, that depriving the slaveholder of undue political power—an event the most remarkable, as in Georgia, a few years ago, to accomplish the same thing proved a failure.

The Supreme Court of Mississippi has again decided, notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, that the Constitution of that state does not prohibit the introduction of slaves within its limits.

Governor McDowell, of Virginia, has recommended a state Convention, with a view of amending the Constitution, as to the importation representatives according to the white population, and the result of which, if carried into effect, would he to transfer the balance of power from East to Western Virginia, and thus facilitate the extinction of slavery in that state.

Mr. McDonough of Louisiana, without a single generous impulse, has worked out before the eyes of the planters, without intending it, the demonstration, that wages are better, and strip laborers also of their right to a share of the profits of their labor, and that the condition of freedom is not, to invest the character of a Freeman.

Efforts are now being made in Louisiana to extend the right of suffrage, doubtless with a view to reduce the power of the larger slaveholders.

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